

# United States Air Force Auxiliary

## Minnesota Wing, Civil Air Patrol



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### **CAP OFFICER DECORATED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN YOUTH**

Breezy Point, MN – Major Todd Mandel was decorated with a Meritorious Service Award during a ceremony on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Major Mandel is a Member of the Red Wing Squadron that meets Thursday Nights at the Red Wing Airport.

Major Mandel was recognized for his outstanding service to the CAP Cadet Program. In developing a series of Cadet Leadership Schools and retooling the Annual Minnesota Wing Cadet Encampment, Major Mandel exhibited the very best attributes of the CAP Cadet Program.

Major Mandel is a former cadet, earning the highest honor that a cadet can achieve, the General Carl A. Spaatz Award. Major Mandel was decorated by Colonel Dale Hoium, the Minnesota Wing Commander.

Civil Air Patrol, the official U. S. Air Force Auxiliary, is a civilian, volunteer, nonprofit, service organization. The unpaid members perform more than 85 percent of inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center. Volunteers also take a leading role in aerospace education and conduct one of America's finest youth programs through CAP Cadet Programs.

There are more than 1300 Civil Air Patrol members in Minnesota.

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